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SOURCE Izgreiv, No. 1585, 1949.SCORES CONDITIONS IN ELECTRICAL PORCELAIN COMBINE

Following the merger of the G. Dimitrov and V. Kolarov plants into the Elemko Electrical Porcelain and Metal Cooperative Combine, production at the combine proceeded more efficiently. To celebrate Stalin's 70th birthday, the crew pledged to meet the plan 110 percent, to improve quality, save material, etc. Since 1949 the enterprise has been under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Communal Economy, which has outlined a production plan, heretofore completely lacking. This deficiency was apparent in the low profit margin achieved by the plant in 1948, amounting to only 5 percent instead of the anticipated 8 percent.

Since the beginning of 1949, the ministry has also been supplying material; it failed however to provide a distinctive quarterly production plan and only established an over-all tonnage figure, without considering the production capacity of the plants, which is higher than this figure. As a result, porcelain production exceeded the plan 400 percent, but this does not reflect accurate production figures, since the plan was not based on actual conditions. Now the crew has worked out its own alternate plan, according to the exact production capacity. The plan provides for 75,000 parts, 59,000 of which already have been manufactured. According to the ministry's plan, 5 tons of various parts have to be manufactured in the last quarter of 1949, corresponding to an over-all figure of 5,000 pieces, whereas the alternate plan provides for 25,000 porcelain parts and 13,000 aluminum parts.

Plant director Khr. Vosev reports that everything is being done to assure a constant flow of production. The manufacture of porcelain parts will be coordinated so as to assign every plant to the production of a specific type. This will provide the workers with more specialized experience and improve standards.

One of the most serious work handicaps is the shortage of glazing material. Until now, however, the plants had a sufficient supply for normal production. Government plants are in a much more favorable

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position and are regularly and abundantly supplied. Coal supplying is proceeding at a normal pace, but sheet iron, an essential part of the manufacture, is very limited and is not being delivered according to specifications. For example, 0.6-millimeter sheet iron is required, while only 0.30 and one millimeter sizes are being supplied.

The trade unions, the party secretariat, and the management are making every effort to maintain economy in the use of material. Zigzag cutting of aluminum sheets has been introduced and even the smallest scrapings are being used. The corner edges of sheet iron are transferred to the waste department of the stock rooms.

The project to provide workers with food supplies for the winter has not been carried out, due to the shortage of funds. The Regional Cooperative Unions (RKS) have not shipped the promised supplies so far, nor have the 10,000 leva promised the workers for the purchase of winter supplies been distributed. The enterprise is not in possession of sufficient funds and the Trade Union and Employees' Banks, who dispose of funds for additional payments, have not contributed to the solution of the problem.

Bookkeeping services are very inadequate. A greater number of administrative personnel must be used to submit daily account sheets for every worker.

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